



My Healthy News

MHLA Participants' Newsletter

Improving Care For Your Children through Medi-Cal

If you enrolled your children into My Health LA (MHLA), there are some big changes that are coming soon that will affect your family.

What is changing for my kids?

SB 75 is a new law in California. It gives full scope Medi-Cal to children under age 19. And immigration status does not matter.

If your child meets all the eligibility requirements of Medi-Cal, your child will likely be able to get full scope Medi-Cal coverage as soon as this May.

This is great news! Full-scope Medi-Cal provides more benefits to your child than MHLA. This is a really good thing that the State of California is doing for the health of your children.

What is "Full-Scope" Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal is a state program that



provides free or low-cost health care for some people who live in California.

"Full-scope" Medi-Cal for children covers more than just emergency treatment. It covers all necessary care including medical, hospital, dental, mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, vision care, medicines, and more.

Will I need to change doctors or clinics?

When your child gets full-scope Medi-Cal, your family should be able to stay with the clinic or doctor you have now.

What do I do now?

If your child has "restricted" (sometimes called emergency) Medi-Cal right now, your child may get full-scope Medi-Cal automatically. If your child has restricted Medi-Cal, they will receive a letter in the mail from the State with more information. If your child does not have restricted Medi-Cal right now, you will need to apply for Medi-Cal on behalf of your child, or add your child to your family's Medi-Cal case. You can do this anytime. Your medical home can help.

When your children are enrolled in full scope Medi-Cal, they will be asked to select a health plan, but don't worry, you don't need to do this yet. You will receive instructions in the mail.

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Don't forget to renew your MHLA application

For many MHLA participants, it's time to renew your application. This is important if you want to stay in MHLA.

If you don't renew with MHLA, you will be disenrolled. Even though it is free to apply again, we don't want you without health coverage.

Your application provides you with 12 months of free primary medical care through MHLA. Keeping your

MHLA active makes sure you have access to your doctor and your medicines for free.

If you received a renewal letter



from us, renew your MHLA at your clinic today. If you did not receive a letter but you enrolled in MHLA in early 2015, please contact your clinic to find out when it is time for you to renew.

It is important to know that you will not get a new MHLA ID card when you renew, unless you decide to change your medical home clinic when you renew.



Pharmacy Changes in MHLA

MHLA is putting together a new pharmacy program that will help you get your medicines right in your own neighborhood. We want to make it easier and more convenient for you to get the medicines you need.

MHLA is working with a company called **Ventegra**. Ventegra is a local company that works with hundreds of local pharmacies

throughout Los Angeles County.

What does this mean for you?

Later this year, you may be able to go to more local pharmacies to get your medicines and refills. Many of these pharmacies have evening and weekend hours. This should help you get your medicines when it is convenient for you.

However, if you currently get your medicines at your clinic, you don't have to make any changes if you don't want to. We will let you know when the new pharmacy options happen, hopefully by this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medical Home clinic.

Be well and stay healthy! We are happy you are part of MHLA.



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Your medical home can help you with this part so that you can stay with the same clinic or doctor that you have now.

What is changing for the rest of my family?

Nothing. This change only affects children under age 19. The rest of your family can stay enrolled in the same program they are enrolled in now.

If you have questions, talk to your Medical Home clinic.

They can explain what you need to do next. Your Medical Home clinic can also help you with any needed Medi-Cal applications for your children.

Remember that this is a good thing for you and your children. We are happy that your child will soon have full health insurance and more coverage than we provide in MHLA!

